

Notice of Allowability

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10/542,503

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/7/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-7 and renumbered as 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-7 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 2-7 are allowed since certain key features of the claimed invention are not taught or fairly suggested by prior art. **In claim 2, “said circuit section can switch between an operation mode and a waiting mode in response to the switching between the normal power consumption state and the low power consumption state of a main body of the electronic device, said circuit section comprises standby control means that operates by receiving power supply voltage from the main body of the electronic device and drives the display area to show a desired image in the operation mode, and while receiving the power supply voltage from the main body of the electronic device, stops driving the display area and inactivates the circuit section to suppress power consumption of the panel in the waiting mode, and said standby control means executes a control sequence to shut off direct current components flowing through resistive elements at least included in the circuit section during the inactivation, and wherein said display area comprises pixel electrodes arranged as a matrix, common electrodes opposing to the pixel electrodes, and an electro-optic material held between the pixel and common electrodes, said circuit section comprises drivers for writing signal voltage to the pixel electrodes, a common driver for applying a common voltage to the common electrodes, and an offset circuit for adjusting a level of the common voltage relative to the signal voltage, and said standby control means executes a control sequence”**

to shut off direct current components flowing through resistive elements included in the offset circuit during the inactivation". In claim 4, "said circuit section can switch between an operation mode and a waiting mode in response to the switching between the normal power consumption state and the low power consumption state of a main body of the electronic device, said circuit section comprises standby control means that operates by receiving power supply voltage from the main body of the electronic device and drives the display area to show a desired image in the operation mode, and while receiving the power supply voltage from the main body of the electronic device, stops driving the display area and inactivates the circuit section to suppress power consumption of the panel in the waiting mode, and said standby control means executes a control sequence to shut off direct current components flowing through resistive elements at least included in the circuit section during the inactivation, and wherein said display area comprises pixels arranged as a matrix, said circuit section comprises drivers for writing analog voltages having gradations in accordance with image information sent from the main body of the electronic device to the pixels, and an analog voltage generator for supplying at a plurality of levels of the analog voltages already corresponding to the gradations to the driver, and said standby control means executes a control sequence to shut off direct current components flowing through series resistive elements for voltage splitting included in the analog voltage generator during the inactivation". In claim 5, "said circuit section can switch between an operation mode and a waiting mode in response to the switching between the normal power consumption state and the low power consumption state of a main body of the electronic device, said circuit section comprises standby control means that operates by receiving power supply voltage from the main body of the electronic device and drives the display area to show a desired image in the operation

mode, and while receiving the power supply voltage from the main body of the electronic device, stops driving the display area and inactivates the circuit section to suppress power consumption of the panel in the waiting mode, and said standby control means executes a control sequence to shut off direct current components flowing through resistive elements at least included in the circuit section during the inactivation, and wherein said standby control means executes a control sequence to block clocks supplied to at least the circuit section to suppress charge and discharge occurring in the circuit section during the inactivation". The closest prior art Tsutsui Yusuke et al. (JP 2001-282164) teach a driving device for display device comprising a power source circuit of a the a liquid crystal display device outputs a boosted power source voltage at normal operation and generates a non-boosted power source voltage lower than that at the time of the normal operation by controlling a switch for changing over the output in the circuit at the time of a power saving mode and supplies the output voltage to analog circuit of a driving circuit to attain the reducing of power consumption in the analog system circuits, however, singularly or in combination with other prior art, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mansour M. Said whose telephone number is 571-272-7679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30-6:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard A. Hjerpe whose telephone number is 571-272-7681.

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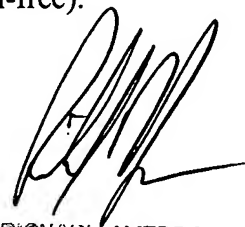
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